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17. May 20th, Middle school Pow Wow, 12:30 18. May 22nd, last day of school, early out 1:15

Turtle Mountain Community High School Report:

CTE Department The Spring Advisory Committee meeting took place at the end of April. These committees, composed of industry partners in our community, met with each of the CTE Programs (FACS, Culinary Arts, Auto, Welding, Construction, Business Education, IT, Health Sciences, Work-Based Learning, and Career Development) to provide input and guidance from the workforce.

We have Construction Technology students completing OSHA 10 training on May 12-13, 2026. Those who successfully complete this training will earn an industry credential. This training is an entry-level safety training designed for construction or general industry workers, providing fundamental knowledge on hazard recognition, avoidance, and workers' rights.

We continue to work diligently to gain approval of the Turtle Mountain Area Career and Technology Center (TMACTC). We are in the final stages of the approval process with the ND Department of Career and Technical Education. The ND CTE Director, Mr. Wayne Sick, is submitting final approval to the State Board for Career and Technical Education on May 18, 2026. Once this final stage has been completed and approved, work will need to be

done to secure the transfer of all proposed TMACTC programs through the protocols outlined by the Department.

ELA Department

The Marrow Thieves play was a success once again this year. This production is a cross-curricular activity that involves students from across all curricula working together to host a dinner theater based on the book of the same title, with indigenous themes throughout and written by an indigenous author, Cherie Dimaline. Marrow Thieves is an award-winning dystopian novel where, in a climate-ravaged future, most people lose the ability to dream, leading to madness, while Indigenous people retain this ability and are hunted for their bone marrow, which holds the cure.

21st Century Grant

Candace Larocque is the coordinator for the 21st Century Learning Program, and May 12 & May 14 are the last nights for regular after-school programming. Activities include Beading, Chess, Sewing Our Stories, Tutoring, Graphic Design, and Healthy Relationships with Turtle Mountain Impact. We have been planning for our summer camp (1 - one week camp), which will take place June 15-22, 2025. The program has had overwhelming success and student participation, promoting more engaged student activities. We will have end-of-year data to present next month. This grant focuses on several of our school improvement school-wide goals, including increased proficiency in Math and English Language Arts, increased attendance for TMCHS, as well as our

accountability component of increased student engagement.

Native Language Immersion Grant Jackie Frederick is the coordinator for this program, which hosts native language (Ojibwe) programming and activities for both students and staff. The program provides an Ojibwe language teacher for students after school on Monday and Wednesday. Students engage in language instruction and learning activities to promote and preserve the native language of our tribe. Instruction for staff (3 Cohorts) takes place after school, Monday through Thursday, in a synchronous platform with college credit issued from our partner, Turtle Mountain College. There are 40 staff members enrolled in the classes, which are taught by Mr. Alex DeCoteau and Ms. Sadie Frederick. We have been planning for our summer camps (3 one-week camps), which will focus on expanding the Ojibwe language, Ojibwe games, and virtual reality training. We will have end-of-the-year data to present next month. This grant focuses on the school's mission, which is to prepare students for a changing world while preserving our culture and heritage, as well as our accountability component of increased student engagement.

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

The GATE teachers have been reviewing and updating student education plans and files in preparation of certification at the end of the school year. At this time, we have approximately 78 GATE students enrolled in programs. The summer

GT Classroom Without Walls is scheduled for June 16-22, 2026.

Overall

Teachers are wrapping up final exams for the year, with Seniors completing final exams May 11-13, and grades 9-11 scheduled for exams May 19-20, 2026. We are engaging in end-of-year processes.

The Culture Committee is collaborating with the administrative team to outline the professional development set for June 1-5, 2026.

Turtle Mountain Special Education Report:

As the school year comes to a close, TMCS Special Education staff are actively completing end-of-year student file reviews and ensuring students are fully prepared for successful transitions into the next grade level. This time of year provides an important opportunity to reflect on the tremendous growth our students have made throughout the year, and there is certainly much to celebrate.

We would like to extend our appreciation to both our special education and general education staff for their continued dedication and collaboration. Every staff member plays a vital role in supporting student achievement, and it is the strength of our teamwork that allows our students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

In addition, TMCS Special Education staff participated in two significant professional development opportunities during the month of May:

ADOS Training:

A group of nine TMCS special education staff members attended

Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) Training. This specialized training provides participants with foundational knowledge and hands-on application of a standardized assessment tool used in the evaluation of autism spectrum disorders. Staff learned administration procedures, scoring protocols, observational techniques, and best practices for supporting accurate identification and educational planning for students with autism-related needs. We are excited to expand these assessment capabilities within TMCS and begin implementing this training into our schools during the 2026-2027 school year.

CPI Training:

TMCS also recently completed a cohort of special education staff members who earned certification through Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Training. CPI Training equips staff with evidence-based strategies for de-escalation, behavior support, and safe crisis intervention practices. The training emphasizes proactive communication, recognizing signs of escalation, maintaining student dignity, and implementing safe responses that promote supportive and secure learning environments for both students and staff. As part of our ongoing professional development planning for the 2026-2027 school year, TMCS is actively developing plans to incorporate CPI practices into district training calendars and increase the overall number of staff members who become CPI certified.

Athletic Directors Report:

Turtle Mountain Community Schools' Spring sports athletic programs are all wrapping up with end

of the year tournaments. It has been a terrible spring for games and practices. With so many cancellations, re-scheduled games, meets, and tournaments, it was hard for the teams and players to stay positive, but the students donned those "Braves" uniforms with pride and finished out their respective seasons.

Boys golf will be the only program this season, with chances for regional tournament success and a run at a possible state tournament berth.

Our girls' softball program missed out in a final WDA home game vs. Watford City at a chance at the regional qualifier games. The JV will play this weekend in Dickinson at the regional JV tournament.

The boys' baseball team will be traveling to Minot to play in the end of season JV WDA tournament to conclude their season.

The girls' soccer team will wrap up their season with an away game on Monday the 18th vs. Minot.

We would like to acknowledge the two finalists for the prestigious Rolette County Athlete of the Year award held last week.

- 1. William Breland-Senior Athlete of the Year
2. Aubree Jeanotte-Senior Athlete of the Year- Runner up

All spring schedules are online at www.westerndakotaassociation.org. Reminder, we will be migrating to Arbiter Sports scheduler in the fall of 2026. The new website address is arbiter.io.

Sincerely, Shane M. Martin, Ph.D., Superintendent

Athletic and Activities Director Turtle Mountain Community School

MINUTES

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MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 a.m. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Eric Dionne, Carried.

David Azure: Absent
Eric Dionne: Yes
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Allan Malaterre: Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Allen Schlenvogt: Yes
Scotty Vandal: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

Allan Malaterre Board President Belcourt School District #7

Duane Poitra, Business Manager Belcourt School District #7

Belcourt School District #7 Special Board Meeting (Wednesday, April 22, 2026)

David Azure: Present
Eric Dionne: Present
Teri LaFountain: Present
Allan Malaterre: Present
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Present
Allen Schlenvogt: Present
Scotty Vandal: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT: Travis LaRocque, Levi Gourneau, Kevin Brien, Duane Poitra, Connie Baker and Earl Demery

1. CALL TO ORDER

Allan Malaterre called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dave Azure and Allen Schlenvogt led the group in prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION to adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Allen Schlenvogt, Carried.

David Azure: Yes
Eric Dionne: Yes
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Allan Malaterre: Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Allen Schlenvogt: Yes
Scotty Vandal: Absent
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

4. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Central Campus Athletic Fence Replacement \$140,825 - Duane Poitra

The quote provided is to replace the existing fencing around the central area of campus surrounding the school football/practice field, baseball fields and track areas. The existing fence will be replaced with 6' commercial-grade chain link fencing around the perimeter with gates securing

the facilities during school and after-school hours of operation. The quote includes all materials and installation.

All materials, labor, fabrication and travel needed to install 2,304' of 6' tall commercial grade chain link fence with (1) 5' wide personnel gate, (2) 4' wide personnel gates, (1) 12' wide double swing gate, (1) 24' wide double swing gate and (1) 28' wide single cantilever slide gate. All posts will be direct driven 48"+ into the ground, except for large slide gate posts, which will be set into concrete footings.

The purchase can be made under North Dakota Century Code: 48-01.2-02.1. Public improvement construction threshold.

1. The threshold for bidding for construction of a public improvement is two hundred thousand dollars. The threshold for procuring plans, drawings, and specifications from an architect or engineer for construction of a public improvement is two hundred thousand dollars.

2. Notwithstanding the thresholds in subsection 1, if the state or a political subdivision undertakes the construction of a public improvement and there is reason to believe that engineering or architectural services are necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the public, the state or political subdivision shall consider consulting with an engineer or architect. See Attachments Fence Replacement Quote Fencing Project 04-21-26

MOTION is to approve the Dakota Fence proposal for the Central Campus Fence Replacement for \$140,825 using General Fund monies. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Allen Schlenvogt, Carried.

David Azure: Yes
Eric Dionne: Yes
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Allan Malaterre: Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Allen Schlenvogt: Yes
Scotty Vandal: Absent
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m. This motion, made by Allen Schlenvogt and seconded by David Azure, Carried.

David Azure: Yes
Eric Dionne: Yes
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Allan Malaterre: Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Allen Schlenvogt: Yes
Scotty Vandal: Absent
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

Allan Malaterre,

Board President Belcourt School District #7

Duane Poitra, Business Manager Belcourt School District #7

Belcourt School District #7 Special Board Meeting (Thursday, April 23, 2026) @ Noon

David Azure: Present
Eric Dionne: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Present
Allan Malaterre: Present
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Present
Allen Schlenvogt: Present
Scotty Vandal: Present

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Brien, Connie Baker, Duane Poitra, Levi Gourneau, Earl Demery and Dr. Shane Martin

1. CALL TO ORDER: Allan Malaterre called the meeting to order at 12:02

2. OPENING PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Duane Poitra and Earl Demery led the group in prayer.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION to adopt the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by David Azure, Carried.

David Azure: Yes
Eric Dionne: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Allan Malaterre: Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Allen Schlenvogt: Yes
Scotty Vandal: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

4. OLD BUSINESS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Resurfacing/Maintenance of HS Gym Floor \$54,363.00 - Duane Poitra

The HS gymnasium floor needs floor maintenance resurfacing and graphics/game lines affixed to all areas of the floor. The resurfacing project was bid on April 6, 2026. One bid was received from JB Surfaces in the amount of \$54,363.

The recommendation is to accept the only bid received from JB Surfaces to resurface and replace all graphics/game lines to the floor in the full amount of \$54,363 using General Fund monies. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.

MOTION is to accept the only bid received from JB Surfaces to resurface and replace all graphics/game lines to the floor in the full amount of \$54,363 using General Fund monies. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.
David Azure: Yes
Eric Dionne: Absent

Teri LaFountain: Yes
Allan Malaterre: Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Allen Schlenvogt: Yes
Scotty Vandal: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

B. Approval to Retain Design Services from Houston Engineering, Inc. for Football Field/Track Parking Lot Renovation \$50,000.00 - Duane Poitra

Attached is a proposal from Houston Engineering Inc. to provide topographic survey, civil design plans and construction management services for the Football Field/Track Parking Lot Renovation Project. The proposal amount is \$50,000 and will be paid from General Fund. The proposal is attached. Enclosed is the Houston Eng. FB Field Parking Lot proposal. Discussion followed. Teri asked to Dr. Martin to designate Elderly and Handicap Parking into this design. Dr. Martin replied, it is in the plan. Allen S. asked if something can be put on the metal seating so it is not so cold. Dr. Martin will check into it to see if that is possible.

MOTION is to approve the proposal from Houston Engineering Inc to provide topographic survey, civil design plans and construction management services for the Football Field/Track Parking Lot Renovation Project using General Fund monies as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Scotty Vandal, Carried.
David Azure: Yes
Eric Dionne: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Allan Malaterre: Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Allen Schlenvogt: Yes
Scotty Vandal: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

C. Approval of ND DPI School Construction Request & Facility Plan for the Football Field/Track Parking Lot Renovation - Duane Poitra

In the packet is the School Construction Approval Request and School Facility Plan for review and approval. The attached ND Department of Public Instruction forms are for the renovation of the Football Field/Track Parking Lot surface. The recommendation is to approve the School Construction Request/School Facility Plan as presented. Enclosed is the FB Field Parking Lot Renovation Construction Approval Application and the FB Field Track Parking Lot Renovation Facility Plan.

MOTION is to approve the School Construction Request/School Facility Plan for the Football Field/Track Parking Lot Renovation as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by Dr.

Wanda Parisien, Carried.
David Azure: Yes
Eric Dionne: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Allan Malaterre: Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Allen Schlenvogt: Yes
Scotty Vandal: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

D. Approval of Subject Technologies Curriculum for the Alternative School \$58,000.00 - Dr. Shane Martin/Levi Gourneau

In the packet is the Subject Technology Service Agreement for review and approval. This agreement will replace the Jefferson County Curriculum package we had. Jefferson County discontinued that curriculum outside their district. Therefore, the Alternative needed a new curriculum. The recommendation is to approve the Subject Technology quote included in the packet. The monies will come from the ISEP Title I & II monies as presented. Enclosed in the packet is the Subject Technologies, Inc License and Services Agreement \$58,000.00.

MOTION is to approve the Subject Technologies Service &

License Agreement in the amount of \$58,000.00 utilizing the ISEP Title I & II monies as presented. This motion, made by Teri LaFountain and seconded by David Azure, Carried.
David Azure: Yes
Eric Dionne: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Allan Malaterre: Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Allen Schlenvogt: Yes
Scotty Vandal: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. This motion, made by David Azure and seconded by Teri LaFountain, Carried.

David Azure: Yes
Eric Dionne: Absent
Teri LaFountain: Yes
Allan Malaterre: Yes
Dr. Wanda Parisien: Yes
Allen Schlenvogt: Yes
Scotty Vandal: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

Allan Malaterre, Board President Belcourt School District #7

Duane Poitra Business Manager Belcourt School District #7

TURTLE MOUNTAIN HOUSING AUTHORITY T.D.H.E. A TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY. ANNOUNCEMENT: The Turtle Mountain Housing Authority accepts applications for any current or future vacancies at the New Generation, a single unit apartment complex located in the Kent Addition area. This is a smoke and alcohol-free building with 24-One Bedroom Apartments. For more information, please call Occupancy at (701) 477-5654.

TURTLE MOUNTAIN HOUSING AUTHORITY T.D.H.E. A TRIBALLY DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY. ANNOUNCEMENT: The Turtle Mountain Housing Authority accepts applications for any current or future vacancies at Willow Manor, a single unit apartment complex located by the retirement home. This is a smoke and alcohol-free building with 20-One Bedroom Apartments. For more information, please call Kylee Segovia at (701) 477-5366.